

# Board of Health Meeting Minutes

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December 18, 2007

## ATTENDANCE

### Board of Health

Larry Anderson, Chair  
Dr. Jeffrey Mitchell, Vice Chair  
Ken Ponds  
Richard Tsoumas

### Health Department

Dottie-Kay Bowersox  
John Eva  
Paul Makoski  
Brigette Reichenbaugh  
Mike Waite

### County Administration

Greg Purcell

### Other

Elizabeth Huff, Battle Creek Enquirer  
Anji Phillips, The Coordinating Council

### Absent

Forester  
McDonald  
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Anderson called the meeting to order at 8:07 am beginning with introductions. Suggested change to the agenda. Add ad-hoc committee charge under the financial reports. Tsoumas moved approval. Mitchell seconded. All in favor.

## TCC PRESENTATION

Phillips presented the 2007 The Coordinating Council (TCC) Calhoun County Community Report Card including highlighting the changes to the Report Card.

The Report Card was distributed to the Regional Health Alliance (RHA), TCC, 17 community presentations including county commissioners, school boards, city commission, Emmett Township. Initially 1,500 were printed and all were distributed. In response to questions about Calhoun County's difference in relation to other Michigan counties, Phillips stated that attention needs to be brought to the entire community (parents, etc.), reaching out to all organizations including the current involved organizations.

Mitchell asked who is responsible for making required changes. Tsoumas noted that the community looks at the Health Department as the leader in many of these areas. He would like to review the strategic plan and see where we were and where we are now. Mitchell asked the role of the County Commission. Purcell feels that it's not County government's role.

Due to time, Makoski presentation moved to January 2008 agenda.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion to approve the consent agenda. Ponds seconded. All in favor.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Eva presented the financials.

Flu: CCPHD will conduct clinics beginning with Albion including the Community Action Agency and Calhoun Health Plan is picking up \$20 of the \$25 fee.

## **Budget Committee**

Tsoumas will chair the committee. Tsoumas would like to schedule a meeting in January. Purcell stated that our budget should be presented to BOH in August and BOC first September meeting. Purcell would also like to see a fee comparison with other counties. Plan on election year too. He's not supportive of the multi year fee increase. Purcell would like to see present a fee schedule (potentially 3 year) but only present one year.

## **HEALTH OFFICER REPORT**

Bowersox reviewed the central cost plan.

## **NOMINATION REPORT**

Foerster submitted the nomination report via delivery and hard copy. The nominating committee recommendation is to reappoint Ponds for another three year term. The second recommendation is Dr. Karamchandani. Motion to approve the nominating committees report. Tsoumas moved. Ponds supported. All in favor.

Anderson thanked Bowersox for the Clean Air Regulation. Bowersox noted that Kristin Roux requires thanking for her role.

Present McDonald's resolution to the Commissioners for recognition in January 2008.

## **HEALTH OFFICER EVALUATION**

The committee reviewed Bowersox's self evaluation and met several times to discuss and review. The results will be presented in January.

Mitchell asked for more visibility on the positive and what we are doing. Someone take the lead on making the health department shine. Bowersox stated that she will take the lead to bring RHA and TCC regarding on focus on the positive. Tsoumas suggested look at other national models.

Mitchell feels that by default RHA leads the initiatives. But how do we raise visibility of health issues. Tsoumas feels that CCPHD and hospitals are most visible. Discussion continued about who is leading the community in health indicators and bringing visibility. How do we get businesses involved too? Purcell mentioned Denso's strategy in

reducing their health care costs. Suggested that maybe RHA strategize to reach the business community.

Mitchell asked about the health impact on community. Tsoumas wanted to look at the impact of the casinos including salaries, local businesses, etc. costs to local businesses.

Motion for adjournment. Approved.